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LINCOLN

REPORT - PERUCCIES  
Mexico City Congress

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1. Attached is a copy of the briefing notes orally presented to [ ] before his departure to Mexico. Please note carefully the communications arrangements which allow for contact between LINCOLN and [ ], and between [ ] and [ ]. It is hoped that the latter arrangement is elastic enough to suit your capabilities.

2. The present financial plan calls for the following channeling of funds:

(See HUL-A-76, Part II, page 9)  
(In round figures)

Through [ ] - ([ ])  
Embassies travel  
Foreign Advertising  
Travel of 8 delegates

Through RICHFIELD - [ ]  
Steno staff  
Conference Hall  
Radio during Congress  
Supplies  
Touring Bus  
Travel of 7 delegates  
Travel of 14 half-fare delegates

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Through LINCOLN

Advertising  
Brochures  
Program  
Press & posters  
Mail Abroad

Travel of 5 delegates

Travel of 5 half-fare  
delegates

JANUARY

TOTAL

3. It will be observed that enough funds would flow through  
[ ] to place him in an influential position, and conversely  
LINCOLN, from which no funds would come, would be rendered subject  
to the guidance of [ ] whether it will actually work out this  
way can probably be better estimated by your [ ]

4. When it has been determined that [ ] has come to a  
satisfactory preliminary understanding with ROSENBERG, [ ] will  
return to LINCOLN. At that time it would be highly beneficial to  
have ROSENBERG spend two days at LINCOLN to assist in further planning.

5. The next step, which should take place as soon as possible  
after [ ] departure from Mexico, would be for TOLSON to inform  
[ ] that a private group will support the Congress to the extent  
of [ ], if there can be a mutual agreement on the agenda. TOLSON  
would then present the agenda (#7 of Attachment to LRL-4-76).

Note: First, the [ ] would clean the agenda of operational  
jargon and delete the mention of the 2nd day-evening,  
re-Matemala. Deleted also would be mention of Guatemala  
on the third day. The breakdown of the [ ] (Para 2  
above) could be presented. The matter of Guatemala and  
that of the ambassadors would be injected into the picture  
by [ ]

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6. After the TOLKIN/ RASHFIELD agreement, it is expected that RASHFIELD would tell TOLKIN about the [ ] Overture, and TOLKIN would then indicate enthusiasm for the Guatemalan cause. The Mission through TOLKIN could then pick up the ball on [ ] proposals including the matter of the emissaries.

7. LINCOLN has noticed that RASHFIELD has announced his Congress for 5 May. Headquarters believes this may allow too little time for thorough preparation but there is no objection to using that as a tentative date. A new name for the Congress is also suggested, "Congreso de los Combatientes Progressivos Contra El Comunismo."

8. The international organizations unit of Headquarters will endeavor to provide a man experienced in staging congresses in order that your Mission may have aid on the scene. This man would be of such status that he could probably work within your Quito installation. It is also hoped that [ ], who managed a successful congress in Chile, could be brought to Mexico to aid in the final preparations and actual staging of the Congress.

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JCB/ ERL/ sgw

6 March 1954

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Attachment  
to #200-171

March 5, 1954

Memorandum for the Record

Subject: Instructions for [ ]uring Mexico Trip in Preparation  
of Congress

NOTE: The following paragraphs will be translated into Spanish without use of pseudonyms or cryptonyms and presented to [ ] orally by [ ] It will probably be necessary for [ ] to make a few notes which should be as sterile as possible.

1. You are requested to go to Mexico City on or about Monday, 8 March. You should proceed from [ ] where you will arrange the necessary Mexican visa or tourist card and from [ ] to Mexico City you should travel by train. (This will keep your name off international air manifests.)

2. Upon arriving in Mexico City your first task should be procuring a post office box preferably in the central post office. Then you should telephone your home in [ ] and give the name and number of the post office box. This phone call should be made from a public phone, possibly in an office of the telephone company, since there are not many public pay phones in Mexico City. You should also advise your family in [ ] where you are staying in Mexico City and you should give the number of a phone where you may be reached.

A. Operational Detail: When an incoming phone call for you arrives from the United States, you should never accept the call. You should take the number of the Mexico City operator and then go to a public phone and return the call.

B. Operational Detail: [ ] will provide you with a [ ] the [ ] of which probably will be presented to you as identification by one of [ ] in Mexico. When you get a letter in your post office box or a telephone communication from Palacio Valdez, you will respond by meeting him in the lobby of the Hotel Reforma on the date specified, but one hour earlier than specified. [ ] will then meet you bearing the [ ] and he will be wearing a straw hat, a red tie, and sun glasses, and will have a pipe in his mouth.

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3. In Mexico you will consider yourself the official representative of CENIA, FACE, and CENAGE.

4. Your first official visit should be to [ ]  
You are requested to inform him that if you can achieve harmony and unity among the several Guatemalan refugee groups in Mexico, your Group will be able to provide \$10,000.00 to help support a Hemisphere Congress at which the Guatemalan cause will be discussed and substantially aided. The name of the Congress will probably be Congreso de los Combatientes Progresivos Contra el Comunismo. The Congress will be held in cooperation with [ ] It should be stressed that unless unity can be achieved among the Guatemalan groups, no Congress will be held.

5. After you feel assured that everything has been done to reach an understanding with [ ] you are requested to visit [ ] (Operational Details: Note carefully that Secor [ ] should not be visited until after you have reached an understanding with [ ] You should first discuss Sr. [ ] general plans for a Congress and then if you are convinced that it is worth while enlisting his aid and cooperation, you should inform him that your Group would be willing to support his Congress to the extent of \$10,000.00 if he will agree to have a group of Guatemalan refugees participate in the Congress and if he will agree that the Guatemalan issue be examined during the last two days of the Congress.

If Sr. [ ] agrees, you should explain to him that you believe it necessary to advertise the Congress in other countries and to present invitations by means of sending four emissaries, each of whom would visit about four countries and would carry some personal invitations, advertising materials, and funds and instructions for placing ads in the press of the capital cities where they visit. If Sr. [ ] agrees, you should choose the four emissaries, at least one of whom would be a Guatemalan who is a mature responsible person with the ability to make public addresses.

These emissaries should not depart from Mexico until after you have returned to the United States and have received the approval of the Group on your progress thus far. After this concurrence has been received, you would then advise [ ] by telephone or by a pre-arranged telegraphic message that the emissaries may depart if [ ] is satisfied that they have full instructions regarding invitees, propaganda, and their itinerary. The Guatemalan emissary, who has been chosen because of his maturity and oratorical ability, should make Brazil the final country of his itinerary. In Rio de Janeiro he should telegraph [ ] Giving

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the name of his hotel. After this the Guatemalan embassy will probably be contacted with an offer of a two-week lecture tour which he should accept.

6. Operational Detail: For your telephone and mail communications with [ ] you are requested to use the following pseudonyms:

[ ]

Comite Pro Liberacion      Bodega  
de Guatemala

[ ]

Frente Popular Anti-      Molino  
Comunista de Mexico